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**Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS)
Emergency Operations Center
Tuesday, September 16, 2008, 4:48 p.m.**

NOTE: New items are in bold.

The IDHS Emergency Operations Center remains activated at a Level 3 and will remain activated 24 hours to monitor conditions and provide resource support to local county emergency agencies.

Description of Incident

The remnants of Hurricane Ike have accelerated rapidly and moved over Indiana. As much as 10 inches of rain has fallen and widespread flooding is being reported across northwest Indiana. Damage from strong straight line winds up to 80 mph have been reported in numerous counties damage across much of central and southern Indiana parts of the State. Widespread reports of trees and power lines down have also been received.

Summary

- 560,000 sandbags have been delivered to NW Indiana.**
- DOC, along with INDOT and the National Guard are supporting sandbagging and debris removal.**
- INDOT has approximately 100 personnel, trucks and barricades located throughout Lake, Porter and Jasper counties; primarily assisting in keeping traffic off I-80/I-94 and I-65.
- IDHS, INDOT, DNR, ISP and Indiana National Guard have deployed to Lake County.
- Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission reports **100,749** customers are still without power statewide. Service is expected to be restored within the next 7 days.
- Indiana Department of Environmental Management teams are assessing environmental impact and hazardous materials issues related to flooding.**

Current Situation

No significant rain is forecasted for the rest of the week. Flooding continues to be an issue through the affected counties.

A flood warning is still in effect for St. Joseph and LaPorte counties until 6:00 p.m. tonight. The dam at Lake Dalecarlia in Lowell, Indiana in Lake County continues to hold water and is receding below the roadway. Local fire department personnel continue on scene to monitor the situation.

The initial reports of a levee breach at Sumava Resorts has been investigated and found to be inaccurate. The flooding at that location was a result of a pipe break.

- * The Kankakee River at Shelby has crested at 13.06 feet which is a record flood stage.**

- * **Crawford County has requested the Indiana State Police to provide night patrols.**
- * **The Little Calumet crested at 17.32 feet, just above record flood stage and is now falling.**
 - **Areas of Munster (Lake Co.) along the Little Calumet River evacuated due to levee concerns.**

Flooding of sections of Interstate 80/94 continues to be a priority. Crews and pumps are working around the clock.

The combined DNR/Incident Management Team deployed to the Lake County EOC continues to support operations with the Indiana National Guard, INDOT, and American Red Cross for sandbagging, evacuation and sheltering in Lake and Porter Counties. Indiana Department of Environmental Management will provide a team to evaluate oil/fuel production fields for soil and water contamination. Location prioritization assessment will begin for damage assessment teams that may arrive later in the week.

Boil orders continue for Scott, Floyd, Brown and St Joseph counties. Power outages in southern counties have created water production shortages. Finding additional generator sources for water facilities and fuel re-supply, as well as providing drinking water resources are of top priority. Harrison and Crawford Co have little water pressure due to power outages and will be receiving additional water.

****Generators and water pumps are scarce in the Ohio Valley area, but efforts continue to obtain those as far as two states away. Unaffected southern county officials are sending resources to those southern counties where immediate assistance is needed.**

Engaged in Response Operations

INDOT: 115; supporting highway restoration, traffic control and resource transportation in Porter, Jasper and Lake counties and the State EOC

Indiana National Guard: 177 soldiers and equipment in Lake, LaPorte, Porter, Tippecanoe and Floyd counties and in the State EOC.

ISP: 1 with Incident Management Team (IMAT), 1 in State EOC with manpower reduced to normal operations, but remain available for support as needed. **Indiana State Police Supt. Paul Whitesell created an emergency waiver so energy system repair vehicles could bypass weigh stations and more quickly go about the business of restoring power to Hoosiers.**

Indiana Task Force 1: 1 (one)

DNR: 4 with IMAT, 10 officers on stand-by for rescue operations in Lake county, 40 daylight saw crews/equipment in Crawford, Washington and Floyd counties and State EOC

IDHS: 10 + dispatch in State EOC, 2 with IMAT

OFBCI: The Indiana Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives will be staffing the toll free number for Indiana residents to report flood damage. **The number is 1-888-335-9490.** This is not registration for FEMA assistance. This is information gathering for IDHS to quantify damage by county in Northern Indiana.

FEMA

American Red Cross - represented at the EOC as well as many in the field

Board of Animal Health – monitoring food safety issues relating to power outage at meat packing plant in Corydon

IDEM

Wastewater:

Lacrosse (LaPorte Co) sewer system shutdown

Hobart sewage lift station needs migration (Lake Co)

Telecommunications:

Utility Regulatory Commission monitoring the status of local public utilities

Public Health and Medical:

Confirmed injuries: 19

Confirmed fatalities: 7

Clark (1), Crawford (1), Ohio (1), Perry (1), Porter (2), Ripley (1)

Special Needs Facilities:

Extended care facility in Munster (Lake County) evacuated to other facilities
(170+ persons)

St. Margaret Mercy Hospital sandbagged but not evacuated – water receding

Flood Control:

Levee Status:

Failures: Levee near Kennedy Avenue - Hammond (Lake)

Overtopped: Little Calumet Levee - Munster (Lake)

Overtopped: Levee located at 400W (Jasper Co)

Topped: Hart Ditch Levee - Dyer (Lake)

Dam Status: Lake George (Lake County in Hobart) has overtopped the dam.

Environmental Hazards:

Downed power lines, storm debris, fallen trees and high water continue to be a threat to the public and response personnel.

Shelters:

Lake County: Three shelters open in Lake County supported by the Red Cross.

Munster High School – Population **60**

Calumet Township Multipurpose Center – Gary – Population **20**

Boys and Girls Club of Lake Station - Lake Station – Population **70**

Total Lake County Reported Shelter Population: **150 (as of noon 9/16/08)**

Jennings County –

First United Methodist Church in North Vernon 50-75 Predicted Population

County Status:

These counties have declared a state of emergency:

Clark

Crawford- Disaster Emergency Declaration - 9-14-2008

Floyd - Local Disaster Emergency Declaration - 9-14-2008

Franklin - Local Emergency Proclamation - 9-14-2008

Harrison

Jefferson - Local Disaster Emergency Declaration - 9-14-2008

Jennings - Local Disaster Emergency Declaration - 9-12-2008

Lake

Martin

Perry - Local Emergency Proclamation - 9-14-2008

Porter - Declaration of State of Emergency - 9-14-2008

Scott - Local Emergency Declaration 9-14-2008

Switzerland - 9-14-2008

River Monitoring

Various rivers and bodies of water are of concern. To monitor as information comes in, go to:

www.weather.gov/ahps

Road Closures:

www.in.gov/gov/3976.htm . Portions of I-80/94 and I-65 continue to be closed due to high water over the roadway.

Public Safety and Security:

Indiana Public Safety Commission reports 19 SAFE-T sites on generator and 3 with site trunking (isolated from the rest of the system).

Jail on backup power – Madison County

Hobart Police Department flooded (Lake County)

Anderson (Madison County) EMS Repeater down for limited time

Jennings County EMA office has been damaged and deemed unsafe by local officials